

DRAFT
Virginia Board of Psychology
Board Meeting
Minutes
February 16, 2010

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m., on February 16, 2010, in Board Room 1 of the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING: Desideria Hacker, Ph.D., Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeffrey L. Clark, Ph.D.
Robert Falk, Ph.D.
Nadia Kuley, Ph.D.
Michael L. Stutts, Ph.D.
Krishna Leyva

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Benson, Ed. S.
Herb Stewart, Ph.D.
Sonia Price, Esq.

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra Ryals, Director, Department of Health Professions
Evelyn Brown, Executive Director
Howard Casway, Sr. Assistant Attorney General
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Deborah Harris, Administrative Assistant

ORDERING OF AGENDA: There were no changes to the order of the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Jennifer Morgan, Psy.D., Regulatory Chair VPA/VACP:**
Dr. Morgan stated that VPA's *Conversation Hour* with the Board of Psychology will be held during the Spring meeting in Norfolk, Virginia on Thursday, April 22, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Clark made a motion to approve the October 6, 2009 minutes with noted corrections. The motion was seconded by Dr. Falk and carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: **SANDRA RYALS:** Ms. Ryals provided the following information:

- **Key Performance Measures:** Ms. Ryals distributed data from the last 4 quarters which reflected a 94% rating for patient care disciplinary cases resolved within 250 days for the Department.
She noted that the Board of Psychology is consistently meeting, or surpassing, the 250 day goal for closing patient/client care cases.

She also reported that the Board of Psychology has consistently processed applications within 30 days, which reflects a 100% rating for this performance measure. The customer service survey, completed in the fourth quarter by new licensees, reflected 59% satisfaction for application and licensure processes.

- Ms. Ryals suggested that staff prepare a report on the number of customer service surveys that were received in the fourth quarter for review at the May Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

EVELYN BROWN: Ms. Brown reported the following:

- A one-time fee reduction, based on the Board's revenue surplus, would reduce the June 2010 annual renewals for active licenses to \$70, which is one half of the June 2009 renewal fee of \$140.
Discussion followed. Dr. Stutts moved to approve the fee reduction. Ms. Leyva seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- Ms. Brown introduced two Guidance Documents which the Board had requested at the October 2009 meeting:
 - 125-3.1 Submission of Evidence of Completion of Graduate Work (Attachment 1)
 - 125-3.2 Official Beginning of a Residency (Attachment 2)

Discussion followed. A motion was made by Dr. Clark to adopt the Guidance Documents. Dr. Kuley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The two Guidance Documents will be posted on the Board's webpage.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE;

ELAINE YEATTS: Ms. Yeatts reported the following:

- Ms. Yeatts provided an overview of House Bill #662 which has passed in the House and will be taken up by the Senate. The bill will allow a licensing board to accept the surrender of a license, certificate, registration or multistate licensure privilege, in lieu of disciplinary action.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

Board of Health Professions – Michael Stutts, Ph.D:

Dr. Stutts reported that he had attended the Board of Health Professions Committee meeting on February 9, 2010, at which Ms. Ryals reported on Agency Key Performance Measures and the Healthcare Workforce Data Center. Discussion also included emerging professions, and an update on Sanction Reference Guidelines.

Regulatory Committee – Michael Stutts, Ph.D. & Elaine Yeatts:

Dr. Stutts and Ms. Yeatts presented the proposed regulations which reflect the intensive work of the Regulatory Committee. The Committee's proposed language will allow pre-doctoral supervised clinical experience to satisfy all, or part, of the required 1500 hours of post-degree clinical experience for the clinical psychology license. The option to fulfill the experience requirements through the residency will remain.

The Board clarified some of the proposed language. Dr. Stutts moved to adopt the proposed regulations and Dr. Falk seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Attachment 3)

The Board acknowledged the leadership of Dr. Stutts in developing the proposed amendments for the supervised experience options.

Discipline Committee – Patricia Larimer

Ms. Larimer reported that there are 7 cases in Investigations, 4 cases to be reviewed for probable cause, no formal hearings are pending and 2 informals are to be scheduled. She noted there were 2 formal hearings held in January.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Hacker stated that some members experienced technical problems with the internet program for the mandatory "Conflict of Interest" training. She asked that further instruction be given for accessing the training modules.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.